Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (currently amended) Process for performing a remote setup procedure of a software application on a remote client which operates under an operating system which does not support a remote installation facility, comprising:

~~installing~~ associating an executable file from a shared resource on a network ~~onto~~ with the remote client at the direction of an administrator console on the network, the executable file being adapted for controlling a local setup procedure under the form of a low level service which is available in the operating system of the client for local background tasks and routines and further being associated with a description contained within a description file ~~(package.ini)~~ present on the shared resource; and

starting said executable file so that it becomes available to said remote client as a local low level service and permits the automatic launching of a local setup procedure in accordance with the contents of said description file ~~(package.ini)~~.

2.   (currently amended) Process for performing a remote setup procedure of a software application on a remote PC client which operates under ~~the Windows NT~~ an Operating System on a Local Area Network (LAN), comprising:

~~installing~~ associating an executable file from a shared

resource on the LAN ~~onto~~ <u>with</u> the remote PC client at the direction of an administrator console on the LAN, the executable file being adapted for controlling a local setup procedure under the control of ~~the NT~~ <u>an Operating System</u> Service Control Manager (SCM) and in accordance with a description contained within a description file ~~(package.ini)~~ present on the shared resource~~s~~, said executable file ~~(pushservice.exe)~~ receiving the format of an ~~NT~~ <u>Operating System</u> service; and

starting said executable file so that it becomes available to said PC client as an ~~NT~~ <u>Operating System</u> service and permits the launching of a local setup procedure within said PC client in accordance with the contents of said description file ~~(package.ini)~~.

3.   (currently amended) Process according to claim 2 wherein said executable file has an entry point which is a service entry and which is further registered by said ~~NT~~ <u>Operating System</u> Service Control Manager with ~~an option of the~~ <u>a</u> command line <u>option</u> which refers to said description file ~~(package.ini)~~.

4.   (currently amended) Process according to claim 3 wherein said description file ~~(package.ini)~~ contains a list of the installation files required for a local setup procedure plus an additional line defining the command which is to be entered for executing an unattended setup procedure of said software application.

5.   (currently amended) Process according to claim 2 comprising the display of a Graphical User Interface (GUI) for providing to the user a list of software applications which are currently available on ~~the NT~~ an Operating System domain as well as a list of computer clients therein included, and further including a drag-and-drop mechanism for the purpose of launching an additional remote setup procedure in a new PC client.

6.   (currently amended) Process according to claim 2, further comprising:

    prompting the user to enter a particular context where said executable file ~~(pushservice.exe)~~ is to be executed;

    requesting the id and password corresponding to that context;

    verifying said id and password entered by the user and, in accordance with the verification, installing said executable file as ~~a NT~~ an Operating System service.

7.   (currently amended) Process according to claim 2 wherein the installation of the ~~NT~~ Operating System service is followed by the activation of a Wake-on-LAN function in said PC client for the purpose of starting said service.

8.   (currently amended) Process executed in a IT administrator console on a network for the purpose of controlling the remote

installation of software application packages onto at least one PC client, comprising:

~~installing~~ associating an executable file ~~(pushservice.exe)~~ from a shared resource on the network at the direction of the administrator console as ~~a NT~~ an Operating System service under the control of ~~a NT~~ an Operating System Service Control Manager (SCM) ~~on~~ with said PC client, said executable file controlling the local setup procedure of a software application in unattended mode in accordance with a description defined by a description file ~~(package.ini)~~ present on said shared resource~~s~~; and

starting said executable file as ~~a NT~~ an Operating System service for the purpose of launching the setup procedure within said PC client.

9.   (currently amended) Process for controlling the execution on a remote PC client of an executable file existing on shared resources in an ~~NT~~ Operating System domain, comprising:

~~installing~~ associating said executable file from said shared resources at the direction of an administrator console, said executable file installed as an ~~NT~~ Operating System service under the control of ~~the NT~~ an Operating System Service Control Manager (SCM) ~~on~~ with said PC client; and

starting said installed service for the purpose of automatically triggering the execution of said executable file.

10.   (canceled)